

UKLEF Meetings Secretary Report (September 2009-2010)

1. 2009-2010 Meetings

During 2009-2010, LEF was involved in 6 academic meetings, including the launch of the UKLEF e- seminar. These were as follows:

- **Linguistic Ethnography Track** at the 2009 BAAL Annual Meeting in Newcastle on 5 Sept 2009, with contributions from M. Izon, D. Martin & J. Stokes, Z. Nikolaidou, C. Charalambous.
- **Explorations in Ethnography, Language and Communication**, an interdisciplinary conference with 20 presentations in 3 tracks and two keynotes (by Jan Blommaert and Martin Hammersley), as well as three pre-conference data sessions. Aston University, 11 September 2009. Organizers: Fiona Copland, Sara Shaw and Julia Snell.
- **Sociolinguistics and Linguistic Anthropology: A Trans-Atlantic Dialogue**, a seminar with Alessandro Duranti, Ben Rampton, Roxy Harris and Janet Maybin at King's College London, on 27 November 2009. Organizer: Ben Rampton
- **Historical Bodies and Historical Space**, an e-seminar based on a paper by Jan Blommaert and April Huong, held in February 2010. Invited discussants: Mark Allen Peterson and Adrian Blackledge. Organizer: Tom Van Hout
- **Teaching & Learning Linguistic Ethnography**, a seminar held at the University of Birmingham and funded by the ESRC Researcher Development Initiative on Ethnography, Language and Communication. Organizers/speakers: Jeff Bezemer; Adrian Blackledge; Angela Creese; Marilyn Martin-Jones; Adam Lefstein; Janet Maybin; Theresa Lillis; Ben Rampton; and Karin Tusting. Discussant: Frederick Erickson.
- **Ethnographies of Academic Writing in a Global Context: The Politics of Style**, a seminar held at the Open University. Organizers: Theresa Lillis.

2. Upcoming and future meetings

- **Linguistic Ethnography Track** at the 2010 BAAL Annual Meeting at the University of Aberdeen, 9-11 September, with contributions from Urszula Clark, Esther Asprey, Brian Dalkin, Ya-ling Chang, and Stephen Pihlaja
- **Explorations in Ethnography, Language & Communication: Perspectives on Data**, with keynotes from Charles Briggs and Carey Jewitt. Aston University, 23-24 September 2010. (Organisers: Fiona Copland, Sara Shaw, Julia Snell) (RDI-ELC)
- **Institutionally Regimented Responses to Superdiverse Sociolinguistic Realities**, a seminar to be held at Birkbeck College, 11th November. Organizers: Li Wei and Massimiliano Spotti.

3. Planning of events

LEF events for this year have been well attended and have spanned a range of issues in Linguistic Ethnography. Two events continue to be part of the Ethnography, Language and Communication Researcher Development Initiative.

The first UKLEF e-seminar was launched 24 February – 5 March. Two discussants (Adrian Blackledge and Mark Allen Petersen) posted comments to the paper “Historical bodies and historical space” (Jan Blommaert and April Huang. Members were then asked to post comments and questions to the membership list during the time period. A short survey was posted for members to complete at the end of the e-seminar. This was a successful first e-seminar, which provided an online forum for UKLEF members both locally and internationally to connect, discuss and debate issues at the heart of Linguistic Ethnography.

In the coming year we will continue to encourage members to submit proposals throughout the year for UKLEF seminars. We will continue to approach members directly, inviting them to organize thematic seminars that highlight the current research in Linguistic Ethnography. Seminar guidelines, and FAQs have this year been designed to facilitate the organization and submission of proposals. The guidelines, including a budget form is currently available on the UKLEF website. We continue to strive for innovative ways to connect our membership through seminars and workshops that push the boundaries of Linguistic Ethnography.

Frances Giampapa, Meetings Secretary, September 2010