UVM Linguistics - February Updates

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Happy Groundhog Day Eve!

This semester has something new for the Linguistics program here at UVM: these emails! The UVM Communications department has decided that what we're doing here in Linguistics needs to be shared, and I am excited to take that on with this monthly newsletter.

We are obviously a small department, but we're also close (and growing!). This is a great place to let everyone know of upcoming events, opportunities, talks, articles, books, podcasts, or anything fun that language nerds could find interesting.

Here's some things we have so far:

A word from my wonderful CSD friend Steph, the Linguistics Club President. Ling Club meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 in Terrill 308. Its a great time and sometimes I'll bring my cat:)

Are you looking for fun ways to fill some free time this semester? If so, consider joining The UVM Linguistics Club! Now you might be asking yourself, "Isn't that just another boring academic club?" To which I respond with a resounding, Old-English nay! The \UM Linguistics Club prides itself on creating a safe haven for individuals from any academic disciple to explore their interests in the field of linguistics. We meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm in Terrill 308, and you never know what to expect at these meetings. Some notable events from last semester include: learning the ASL alphabet, watching timeless Studio Ghibli films in their native Japanese language with English subtitles, and hanging out with our unoffical mascot Mickey the cat! If any of this sounds interesting to you then do not hesitate to join us for some exciting game nights and thought-provoking linguistics themed discussions this semester! -Steph

- Summer courses have been released! While Linguistics classes are unfortunately not a great fit for asynchronous online format (who knew its hard to learn about communication without, well, interacting) if anyone still needs Humanities/Social science electives or University requirements check out LING/ANTH 095: Language and Social Media. Thomas Brasdefer is in the Anthro department and specializes in pop culture/the digital age, and I'm biased but I've personally taken classes from and TA'd for him and he's awesome.
 - ◆ https://serval.uvm.edu/~rgweb/batch/swrsectc summer soc 202306/subject ANTH.html
- Guillermo has shared this great German linguistics live show "Diversity in Linguistics" that focuses on bringing more socioeconomic and cultural diversity into Linguistic research. Talks take place weekly on Zoom and are free to attend!
 - ♦ https://div-ling.org/en/events/talk-series-diversity-in-linguistics/
- Additionally, Maeve is working on some sociolinguistic corpus research for anyone looking for 1-3 credits! If you know Python and/or like working with data and/or language-y research tasks in general contact her at
 - → maeve.eberhardt@uvm.edu
- The book "A Place for Everything" about the history of the alphabetical order was recently recommended to me by an alum friend. It's one of those things you just accept without thinking about, but us linguists go nuts over.

- https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/51770484
- My favorite podcast is Lingthusiasm by Gretchen McCulloch and Lauren Gawne, listening to it on a whim in high school is what introduced me to Linguistics!
 - https://lingthusiasm.com/
- \square I've also compiled this playlist of some interesting and well made nerdy language videos if anyone's looking for some entertainment (or potential research topics);)
 - ♦ https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLU7RWk1ESimJeF09QDo2aJiJ0ESiNwemN
- While the process is extensive, I am also excited to share that the UVM Linguistics website is getting a makeover! I am trying to update and compile everything UVM Linguistics related through your help and put it all on one place in a new "News/Updates" blog section. If you have any suggestions for other website updates you'd like to see I'd love to hear them!

We want this to be a collaborative collection of resources, so feel free to share anything you might want to put in our March update. The start of the semester is always quiet, but as anything new comes up let us know!

Best wishes for the rest of the month! I'll be back with another email with more great content in March.

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