

Minutes ~ Friday, September 19, 2014 ~ 2.00-3.00 ~ Faculty Commons 301F

Present: Alba García-Alonso, Scott Jarvis, Ariadna Sánchez-Hernández, Li Xu, Liang Tao (the last 10 minutes), and Emilia Alonso-Marks

Ari gave a 20 minute research presentation of the two projects she is presently conducting on pragmatic routines in the study abroad context: 1) international students at Ohio University, Marshall University, and Shawnee State University; and 2) US students from Ohio University studying in Cuenca, Ecuador.

Please mark your calendars for our next two meetings this fall:

- Friday, October 17, 2.00 pm
- Friday, November 14, 2.00 pm

Emilia proposed to bring Rebeka Campos-Astorkiza (The Ohio State University) to our campus this fall. Her talk will be scheduled during one of our meetings. Li mentioned the possibility of contacting a colleague from a Chinese institute at The Ohio State University as our spring guest speaker.

Li has applied for two grants to put through the IESL. Let us keep our fingers crossed! If these get funded, our institute will benefit immensely from the indirect costs.

Two MA candidates in Spanish have expressed some interest in becoming student members. They are Yeray Ramos-Silgado, and María Gascón-Buj.

Our current Certificate students: Anita Belfiore and Alba García-Alonso are both enrolled in Linguistics 3300 – Introduction to Psycholinguistics with Liang. After this semester, they will need to sign up for one more research experience and to start working on their theses.

We talked about bringing in a Kennedy speaker next fall. Scott proposed that we invited Nick Ellis (University of Michigan). Once we find out the details of how to go about requesting and matching the funding – Chao-Yang serves on the Kennedy Committee and Danny has previous experience requesting this fund – Scott will contact Nick.

Li is going to Switzerland for a conference and to meet with a firm, and Ari, Emilia, Puli are going to submit an abstract to the Spanish in the US Conference at CUNY next March.

Respectfully submitted