North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers

17th Annual Conference
May 30- June 2
2012

Bringing the Celtic Languages to America’s Heartland

Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana
The North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers (NAACLT) is a non-profit professional organization bringing together Celtic language teachers and researchers in Canada and the United States. The association wishes to enable its members to contribute to the greater field of second/foreign language learning through conference participation and publications.

The various Celtic communities are geographically separated from one another but are increasingly reaching out to share strategies, success stories, advice, and friendship. Encouraging and fostering Celtic interconnectedness is an important part of NAACLT’s mission.

Keynote Speakers

Rex Sprouse
Professor of Second Language Studies and Germanic Studies, Indiana University
Rex Sprouse is a renowned specialist in SLA.

Co-sponsored by West European Studies Indiana University.

Wednesday May 30, 2012

3:00 - 6:00 Registration/Check-in
Tree Suites Conference Lounge, just outside the Oak Room, Indiana Memorial Union (IMU)

7:00 - 10:00 Reception, refreshments will be served
Opening Remarks
Kevin Rottet
State Room East, IMU
Thursday May 31, 2012

All conference papers will be presented in the Oak Room, Indiana Memorial Union

Session 1: Linguistics and Literature
Moderator: Kevin Scannell

9:00 - 9:30 Semantic Shifts in Irish Body Part Terminology
John V. Kellogg and Kelsie Pattillo
(University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

9:30 - 10:00 An Approach Facilitating Mutual Accessibility between the Gaelics
Gearóid Ó Néill (University of Limerick)

10:00 - 10:30 Marking partially affected objects in Welsh
Kevin Rottet (Indiana University)

Coffeebreak 10:30 - 10:45

10:45 - 11:15 Tolkien a Chymraeg
Mark T. Hooker (Indiana University)

11:15 - 11:45 Oh! I wish I hadn’t said THAT!
Bob Burke (Marylhurst University)

Lunch 12:00 - 2:00

Thursday May 31, 2012

Keynote Address
2:00 - 3:00
Rex Sprouse (Indiana University)
Lexical Transfer, Language Acquisition, and Language Learning

Coffeebreak 3:00 - 3:15

Session 2: Computing and social media
Moderator: Sheila Scott

3:15 - 3:45 Digitizing the Welsh Academy Dictionary and the creation of a new on-line version
Delyth Prys (Bangor University)

3:45 - 4:15 Blog Readers as Irish Language Learners
Roslyn Blyn-La Drew (University of Pennsylvania)

4:15 - 4:45 Facebook in all six Celtic languages
Kevin Scannell (Saint Louis University)

7:00 - 8:00 NAACLT AGM, Oak Room, IMU (All NAACLT members invited to attend and vote on issues; non-members may attend but not vote)

8:00 - 8:30 NAACLT Executive Board Meeting
Session 3: Celtic language pedagogy at home and in the classroom  
Moderator: Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh

9:00 - 9:30  
Language Hunters: Irish, a case study  
Brian Hart (Portland, Oregon)

9:30 - 10:00  
The Role of the Arts in Language Learning: Going way beyond role playing!  
Sheila Scott (University of Ottawa)

10:00 - 10:30  
Teaching the “Possession Principle” in Scottish Gaelic Structure  
Catriona Parsons (St. Francis Xavier University)

Coffeebreak 10:30 - 10:45

10:45 - 11:15  
Live the Life You Love; Love the Life You Live  
Hilary Mhic Suibhne (New York University)

11:15 - 11:45  
The Importance of Using Narrative as a Tool for Language Acquisition with Bilingual Children  
Seosaimhín Nic Rabhartaigh (Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio)

Lunch 12:00 - 2:00

The Kenneth E. Nilsen Memorial Lecture  
2:00 - 3:00  
Christopher Moseley (UNESCO)  
Introduction by Catriona Parsons

Manx and Livonian - Attrition and Revival in two endangered languages of European fisher folk communities

Coffeebreak 3:00 - 3:15

Session 4: Language activism and organizing in North America  
Moderator: Kevin Rottet

3:15 - 3:45  
Seeking Community: The Irish language in the United States  
Mara Bernstein (Indiana University)

3:45 - 4:15  
Longitudinal Research in the Irish Language in North America  
Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh (Canadian Defence Academy (RMCC))

4:15 - 4:45  
Being a Celtic Culture Catalyst  
Devin Blankenship (Modesto, Indiana)

5:00 - 6:00  
Meeting of the NAACLT standing subcommittee on the Irish language
Saturday June 2, 2012

Excursion and Banquet

8:15    Gather at the northeast entrance to the Indiana Memorial Union by the revolving doors. (This is the entrance just outside the lobby of the hotel of the IMU)

8:30    Departure by bus for Montgomery, Indiana

10:00   Guided tour in Montgomery. Visits to an Amish home and farm, Waglers Quilts & several small variety stores, including Rabers Wheel Works to learn the makings of an Amish buggy.

1:00    Lunch at the Gasthof Amish Restaurant

3:00    Gather to return by bus to Bloomington

6:00    Banquet in the Federal Room, Indiana Memorial Union, Bloomington