

NEWS FROM SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

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University of Hawai'i National Foreign Language Resource Center (NFLRC)



Less commonly taught languages, particularly those of Asia and the Pacific, are the focus of the University of Hawai'i National Foreign Language Resource Center, which engages in research and materials development projects and conducts Summer Institutes for language professionals among its many activities.



PACIFIC SECOND LANGUAGE RESEARCH FORUM (PacSLRF) 2001 The NFLRC is pleased to co-sponsor the upcoming PacSLRF 2001 Conference, which will be held at the Imin Conference Center on the University of Hawai'i at Manoa campus October 4-7, 2001. This international conference will focus on the acquisition of second languages in instructed and naturalistic settings, particularly in East Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific languages. Questions? Contact us at pacslrf@hawaii.edu.

NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM THE UH NFLRC

- [A Focus on Language Test Development: Expanding the Language Proficiency Construct Across a Variety of Tests](#) by T. Hudson & J. D. Brown (Eds.). This volume presents eight research studies which introduce a variety of novel, non-traditional forms of second and foreign language assessment. To the extent possible, the studies also show the entire test development process, warts and all. These language testing projects not only demonstrate many of the types of problems that test developers run into in the real world but also afford the reader unique insights into the language test development process.
- [Motivation and Second Language Learning](#) by Z. Dörnyei & R. Schmidt (Eds.). This volume, the second in this series concerned with motivation and foreign language learning, includes papers presented in a state-of-the-art colloquium on L2 motivation at the American Association for Applied Linguistics Conference (Vancouver, 2000) and a number of specially commissioned studies. The 20 chapters, written by some of the best known researchers in the field, cover a wide range of theoretical and research methodological issues, and also offer empirical results (both qualitative and quantitative) concerning the learning of many different languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, Filipino, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish) in a broad range of learning contexts (Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Spain, and the US).

Additions have also been made to the [NFLRC NetWorks](#) collection of online publications. Check out our other publications at <http://www.LLL.hawaii.edu/nflrc/publication.html>.

Michigan State University Center for Language Education and Research (CLEAR)



CLEAR's mission is to promote foreign language education in the United States. To meet its goals, CLEAR's projects focus on foreign language research, materials development, and teacher training.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE RESEARCH

- Acquisition of Prosody by English-Speaking Learners of French
- Feedback and Interaction
- Longitudinal Analysis of Foreign Language Writing Development

MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT

Products

- [Business Chinese](#) (CD-ROM)
- [Modules for Assessing Socio-Cultural Competence for German](#) (CD-ROM)
- [Pronunciación y fonética](#) (CD-ROM)
- [African Language Tutorial Guide](#) (guide and video)
- [Foreign Languages: Doors to Opportunity](#) (video and discussion guide)
- [Task-based Communicative Grammar Activities for Japanese and Thai](#) (workbook)
- [Test Development](#) (workbook and video)
- [The Internet Sourcebook for Business German](#)
- Business Language Packets for High School Classrooms (French, German, and Spanish)

Coming Soon!

- Portuguese Pronunciation and Phonetics CD-ROM
- Modules for Assessing Socio-Cultural Competence for Russian (CD-ROM)
- Thai Tutorial Guide
- The Internet Sourcebook for Business Spanish

Game-O-Matic

The Game-O-Matic is a suite of wizards that create Web-based activities for language learning and practice. Teachers can make original Game-O-Matic games by visiting <http://clear.msu.edu/dennie/matic/>. Have a new idea for a Game-O-Matic activity? Contact Dennie Hoopingarner at hooping4@msu.edu.

Newsletter

CLEAR News is a biyearly publication covering FL teaching techniques, research, and materials. Contact the CLEAR office to join the mailing list or see it on the Web at <http://clear.msu.edu/clearnews/>.

TEACHER TRAINING

Summer Workshops

Every summer, CLEAR offers teacher development workshops for foreign language educators to help strengthen and expand their teaching skills. CLEAR offers stipends to help defray the workshop fees and travel/accommodation expenses. For more information, see CLEAR's Web site at <http://clear.msu.edu>.

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Apprentissage des Langues et Systèmes d'Information et de Communication (ALSIC)



ALSIC (Language Learning and Information and Communication Systems) is an electronic journal in French for researchers and practitioners in fields related to applied linguistics, didactics, psycholinguistics, educational sciences, computational linguistics, and computer science. The journal gives priority to papers from the French-speaking community and/or in French, but it also regularly invites papers in other languages so as to strengthen scientific and technical exchanges between linguistic communities that too often remain separate. The editorial board of ALSIC invites you to contact them for any prospective contributions at the following electronic address: alsic@lifc.univ-fcomte.fr.

The Australian Technology Enhanced Language Learning Consortium (ATELL)

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ATELL is an informal collaboration of Australian language teachers involved in technology-enhanced language learning and teaching. It has recently been moved to The University of Queensland, where Dr. Mike Levy and Professor Roly Sussex are developing the concept in collaboration with Mr. Greg Dabelstein, coordinator of the CALL special interest group of the Association of Modern Language Teachers' Associations of Australia (AFMTLA). We intend to establish a network of complementary and collaborating resources for teachers and learners in the TELL domain in schools and tertiary institutions. There will be a Web site, which will include information, collaboration, and resources such as

- a register of Australian TELL experts
- links to other sites with TELL-related information and materials
- links to reviews of hardware, software, courseware
- a section for FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)
- what's new -- ideas, research, materials
- a register of projects, current and past, in TELL research, development, implementation
- software modules, libraries, and related resources for developers
- audio and video files for language learning support
- policies and discussion
- special interest groups

In addition, we are reviving the ATELL mailing list, whose e-mail location is atell@lingua.arts.uq.edu.au. ATELL is supported by the Language Laboratory at the University of Queensland.

Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition, University of Minnesota (CARLA)



CARLA is one of nine National Language Resource Centers whose role is to improve the nation's capacity to teach and learn foreign languages effectively. Launched in 1993 with funding from the national Title VI Language Resource Center program of the U.S. Department of Education, CARLA's mission is to study multilingualism and multiculturalism, to develop knowledge of second language acquisition, and to advanced the quality of second language teaching, learning, and assessment by conducting research and action projects sharing research-based and other forms of knowledge across disciplines and education systems extending, exchanging, and applying this knowledge in the wider society.

CARLA's research and action initiatives include a focus on the articulation of language instruction, content-based language teaching through technology, culture and language studies, less commonly taught languages, language immersion education, second language assessment, second language learning strategies, and technology and second language learning.

To share its latest research and program opportunities with language teachers around the country, CARLA offers the following resources: a summer institute program for teachers; a database which lists where less commonly taught languages are taught throughout the country; listservs for teachers of less commonly taught languages and immersion educators; a working paper series; conferences and workshops; and a battery of instruments in French, German, and Spanish for assessing learners' proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the intermediate-low level on the ACTFL scale. Check out these and other CARLA resources on the CARLA Web site at <http://carla.acad.umn.edu>.

The Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL)



The [Center for Applied Linguistics](#) is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes and improves the teaching and learning of languages, identifies and solves problems related to language and culture, and serves as a resource for information about language and culture. CAL carries out a wide range of activities in the fields of English as a second language, foreign languages, cultural education, and linguistics. These activities include research, teacher education, information dissemination, instructional design, conference planning, technical assistance, program evaluation, and policy analysis. Publications include books on language education, online databases of language programs and assessments, curricula, research reports, teacher training materials, and print and online newsletters.

Major CAL projects include the following:

- [ERIC Clearinghouse on Languages and Linguistics](#)
- [National Clearinghouse for ESL Literacy Education](#)
- [Refugee Service Center](#)
- [Pre-K-12 School Services](#)

CAL collaborates with other language education organizations on the following projects:

- [Center for Research on Education, Diversity & Excellence](#)
- [Improving Foreign Languages in the Schools Project of the Northeast and Island Regional Laboratory at Brown University](#)
- [National Capitol Language Resource Center](#)
- [National K-12 Foreign Language Resource Center](#)

- [National Network for Early Language Learning](#)

News from the [ERIC Clearinghouse on Languages and Linguistics](#)

- ERIC/CLL's quarterly online newsletter, [ERIC/CLL Language Link](#), covers current topics in language education. Recent articles in Language Link include a review of the 2000 US Census and its implications for language educators, CoBaLTT (computer-assisted language learning), profiles of effective Early Foreign Language Programs, and a Language Policy update.
- Recent ERIC/CLL [Digests](#) cover a range of topics in ESL, foreign language, and bilingual education including our newest Digest, [Lexical Approach to Second Language Teaching](#).

News from the [National Center for ESL Literacy Education](#)

[Facts and Statistics Related to Adult ESL](#) provides links to resources that NCLE most often consult for statistics on adult ESL and the populations served by adult ESL programs.

The latest NCLE Digest, [Reflective Teaching Practice in Adult ESL Settings](#) offers the adult ESL practitioner background information and step-by-step suggestions for using reflective processes as a tool for professional development.

**Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium
([CALICO](#))**



Since its inception in 1983, CALICO has served as an international forum for language teachers who want to develop and utilize the potential of advanced technology to support their teaching and research needs. Through its Annual Symposia, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), CALICO Journal, CALICO Monograph Series, CALICO Resource Guide, and numerous other publications, CALICO provides both leadership and perspective in the ever-changing field of computer-assisted instruction. The strength of CALICO derives from the enthusiasm, creativity, and diversity of its members. It comprises language teachers and researchers from universities, military academies, community colleges, K-12 schools, government agencies, and commercial enterprises. To learn more about CALICO activities and how to participate in them, visit the CALICO homepage at <http://www.calico.org>.

European Association for Computer Assisted Language Learning (EUROCALL)



EUROCALL is an association of language teaching professionals from Europe and worldwide aiming to

- Promote the use of foreign languages within Europe
- Provide a European focus for all aspects of the use of technology for language learning
- Enhance the quality, dissemination, and efficiency of CALL materials

EUROCALL's journal, *ReCALL*, published by Cambridge University Press, is one of the leading academic journals covering research into computer-assisted and technology-enhanced language learning. The association organises special interest meetings and annual conferences, and works towards the exploitation of electronic communications systems for language learning. For those involved in education and training, EUROCALL provides information and advice on all aspects of the use of technology for language learning.

Forthcoming EUROCALL conferences

- EUROCALL 2001 will be at the University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, 30 August to 1 September 2001.
- EUROCALL 2002 will be at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, 14 - 17 August 2002.

For full details, contact us at <http://www.eurocall.org>.

International Association for Language Learning Technology (IALLT)



Established in 1965, IALLT (formerly IALL) is a professional organization whose members provide leadership in the development, integration, evaluation, and management of instructional technology for the teaching and learning of language, literature, and culture. Its strong sense of community promotes the sharing of expertise in a variety of educational contexts. Members include directors and staff of language labs, resource or media centers, language teachers at all levels, developers and vendors of hardware and software, grant project developers and others. IALLT offers biennial conferences, regional groups and meetings, the LLTI listserv (Language Learning Technology International), and key publications such as the IALL Journal, the IALL Language Center Design Kit, and the IALL Lab Management Manual. The 2003 IALLT conference will be held at the University of Michigan, June 17 - 21. For information, visit the IALLT Web site at www.iallt.org/.