

**NACAL 43**  
**The North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics**  
Conference Program  
Georgetown University | Poulton Hall Room 230 | February 13-15 2015

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Registration (8:30-8:50)**

**Opening Remarks (8:50-9:00)**

**Session I: Hebrew and North-West Semitic (9:00-11:00)**

- 9:00-9:30 Na'ama Pat-El and Aren Wilson Wright (University of Texas at Austin)  
The sub-grouping of the North-West Semitic: features of Aramao-Canaanite
- 9:30-10:00 Eran Cohen (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)  
The function of presentatives: a comparative angle
- 10:00-10:30 Lily Kahn (University College London)  
The *Kišur Šbulḥan Aruk* as an exemplar of Ashkenazi Hebrew
- 10:30-11:00 Yishai Neuman (Achva College for Education)  
The popular-learned opposition in Modern Hebrew lexical Arabisms

**Break (11:00-11:20)**

**Session II: Biblical Hebrew (11:20-12:50)**

- 11:20-11:50 Edward Cook (The Catholic University of America)  
Exploring polysemy in Biblical Hebrew: the case of the verb קָבַר
- 11:50-12:20 David Testen (Independent Scholar)  
Hebrew exclamatory \**esher* from a comparative Semitic perspective
- 12:20-12:50 Andrew Litke (The Catholic University of America)  
From this to that: the transformative nuance of resultative constructions in Biblical Hebrew

**Lunch (12:50-2:00)**

**Session III: Egyptian and Hausa (2:00-4:00)**

- 2:00-2:30 Ariel Shisha Halevy (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)  
Converbs: a chat in comparative syntax

2:30-3:00 Amir Zeldes (Georgetown University)  
Tagging the Desert Fathers: part of speech analysis in Sahidic Coptic corpora

3:00-3:30 April Grotberg (Purdue University)  
The interaction of sound change and similar place avoidance in Egyptian

3:30-4:00 Yun-Hsin Chang (SOAS, University of London)  
Temporality in Hausa expressed in discourse, another possibility

**Break (4:00-4:30)**

4:30-4:40 Roni Henkin  
In memory of Professor Gideon Goldenberg

**Plenary (4:40-6:00)**

Zygmunt Frajzyngier (University of Colorado, Boulder)  
Afroasiatic languages: Challenges and implications for linguistic theory

**Welcome Reception (6:00-8:00)**

Bulldog Alley (Georgetown University campus)

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Session V: Modern South Arabian and Comparative Afroasiatic (9:00-11:00)**

9:00-9:30 Aaron Rubin (Pennsylvania State University)  
New observations on some old Mehri texts

9:30-10:00 Morgan Rood (Georgetown University)  
Patterns of agreement in the Modern South Arabian dual

10:00-10:30 Aicha Belkadi (SOAS, University of London)  
Deictic directionality and associated motion in Somali and Berber

**Break (10:30-10:50)**

**Session VI: Cushitic (10:50-12:20)**

10:50-11:20 Michelle Morrison and Christopher Green (University of Maryland, CASL)  
Interface domains in Somali verbs

11:20-11:50 C. Anton Rytting (University of Maryland, CASL)  
Automatically detecting Arabic loanwords in Somali

11:50-12:20 Kenneth Ngure (Kenyatta University, Kenya)  
Forging linguistic identity with or without language: a case of the Burji of Marsabit County in northern Kenya

**Lunch (12:20-2:00)**

**Session VII: Aramaic (2:00-4:00)**

- 2:00-2:30 Aaron Michael Butts (The Catholic University of America)  
The Aramaic adverbial ending \*-ā in its Semitic context
- 2:30-3:00 Tamar Zewi (University of Haifa)  
The Aramaic component in the Samaritan version of Saadya Gaon's translation of the Pentateuch
- 3:00-3:30 Charles Häberl (Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey)  
Arslan Taş Redux
- 3:30-4:00 Lidia Napiorkowska (University of Cambridge)  
Typological developments in Neo-Aramaic: from the inside into the open

**Break (4:00-4:20)****Session VIII: Epigraphic Studies (4:20-6)**

- 4:20-4:50 Ahmad Al-Jallad (Leiden University)  
Arabic-Aramaic language contact in the pre-Islamic period: a view from documentary sources
- 4:50-5:20 Alessandra Avanzini (University of Pisa, Italy)  
Ancient South Arabian within Semitic and Sabaic, and the non-Sabaic languages within the Ancient South Arabian
- 5:20-5:50 Alessia Prioleta (University of Pisa, Italy)  
Case system in the Ancient South Arabian languages: a comparative assessment of the epigraphic evidence

**Conference Dinner (7:00-9:00)**

Copley Formal Lounge (Georgetown University campus)

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2015****Session IX: Arabic I (9:00-11:00)**

- 9:00-9:30 Chiara Della Puppa (Leiden University)  
Some archaic features of the modern Arabic dialects in light of the Safaitic evidence
- 9:30-10:00 Michal Marmorstein (Georgetown University)  
The discourse marker *ya'ni* in spontaneous speech in Cairene Arabic
- 10:00-10:30 Lindley Winchester (Georgetown University)  
A prosodic morphological analysis of Egyptian Arabic plurals in DATR
- 10:30-11:00 Mohamed Lahrouchi (Université Paris 8)  
On the behavior of *bu* and *mmul* in Moroccan Arabic possessive noun phrases

**Break (11:00-11:20)**

**Session X: Arabic II (11:20-12:50)**

- 11:20-11:50 Letizia Cerqueglini (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)  
Linguistic and cognitive selection of spatial frames of reference in traditional Negev Arabic
- 11:50-12:20 Roni Henkin (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)  
Cardinal directions and culture in traditional Negev Arabic
- 12:20-12:50 Mohamed El-Sharkawi (Wayne State University)  
The survival of case in Modern Standard Arabic: a case for language ecology

**Lunch (12:50-2:00)**

**Session XI: Ethiopian Semitic and Omotic (2:00-4:00)**

- 2:00-2:30 Anbessa Teferra (Tel Aviv University)  
Hebraized Amharic
- 2:30-3:00 Tommi Leung and Girma Halefom (United Arab Emirates University)  
Against the featural analysis of control structures: evidence from Amharic
- 3:00-3:30 Michael Ahland (Houghton College)  
The History of 'ha': how Ganza sheds light on the development of person marking in Northern Ma
- 3:30-4:00 Ruth Kramer (Georgetown University)  
The interaction of gender and number: the view from Afroasiatic