

Report on CLA funded Seventh Prairie Workshop on Language and Linguistics at the University of Saskatchewan, Dept. of Linguistics

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PWoLL is a small workshop that was initiated in 2014 in Brandon, Manitoba to congregate linguists, storytellers, language teachers, and everyone working with speakers and languages of the Prairies. It is a low-key workshop that gives undergraduates and early graduate students the opportunity to experience academic conferences, hear new research from peers and more advanced researchers, and present their own work.

2016, FNU: both undergraduate and graduate students including faculty went to FNU to present and attend. UofS volunteered to host the workshop in 2017.

2017, UofS: PWoLL has grown in attendance numbers and wider appeal with presenters from Japan (Toyo University in Tokyo), Switzerland (University of Zürich), Germany (University of Bremen), United States (University of Delaware) and China (National Chung Cheng University). The last PWOLL was held at the University of Winnipeg in 2019 with presenters from University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, University of Saskatchewan, First Nations University, University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, Carleton University, . Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo, Vitória, Brazil.

This year's PWOLL VII <https://pwoll2022.weebly.com/> had presenters from English and Foreign Languages University in India, University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, Yuneŝit'in Government, University of the Basque Country, University of Huddersfield; Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq University, Kirkuk, and York University. Topics ranged from theoretical topics to discourse studies, language reclamation topics to reports on language teaching in various contexts, the functions of storytelling and naming in language histories. The languages covered were from all over the world, from major languages, endangered minority languages, heritage language contexts and non-standard variants of majority languages.

What stood out was the high quality of the many student presentations and it was difficult to select the winner of the prize for best student presentation. Tasheney Francis from the University of Manitoba received this prize for her presentation on "*Laas-Lik*" [*Last-Hit*] - *The Intersubjective Game of Assigning and Resisting Face-threatening Labels in a Highly Political Truth Commission* that addressed the discourse in a highly politicised truth commission in Jamaica.

We hope the workshop gains further momentum in the future that establishes a local linguistics conference with focus on Prairie languages but with Canadian-wide and international appeal. We hope it will continue to showcase the work of graduate students in Linguistics in Canada.