Join us for the 42nd Annual Linguistics Student Association Spring Colloquium! Hear about exciting research in diverse areas from guest speaker Dr. Tyler Peterson; ASU, current Linguistics students, and SDSU Faculty. Enjoy this opportunity to network with faculty and students. Refreshments will be served starting at 12 noon on the Scripps Cottage Terrace.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tyler Peterson; Arizona State University 2:45pm

Evidentials and Extended Interrogatives

We know relatively little of the cross linguistic diversity in the kinds of meanings questions can express - especially in endangered and under documented languages. How do we go about uncovering these? The aim of this project is to extend the current empirical base and typological scope of questions, through investigating how different semantic and pragmatic elements affect the kinds of meanings questions express, and how they are interpreted. One of the goals of this talk is to demonstrate the importance of semantic and pragmatic fieldwork, as many of these meanings resist direct elicitation in a field situation. As such, I show how we can ‘scaffold’ our investigation of one kind of meaning into exploring other kinds of ‘extended’ meanings of questions. This is often aided by following the predictions a theoretical analysis makes.