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9:00–9:50 a.m., Olin 141 and adjacent lobby
Check-in and Continental Breakfast

9:50–10:00 a.m., Olin 141
Opening Remarks
Bev Nagel ’75, Dean of the College, Winifred and Atherton Bean Professor of Sociology, Science, Technology, and Society, Carleton College

10:00–11:00 a.m., Olin 141
Keynote Address: “Why Phonology Matters to Language Revitalization”
Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald, Professor of Linguistics, University of Texas at Arlington

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m., Olin 141
Individual Talks, Session 1
Session Chair: Sophie Grossman
11:15 a.m.
• Katherine Strong, CARLETON COLLEGE ’15
  “Cavorting Coalescence and Gamboling Glides: Vowel Hiatus Resolution in Optimality Theory”
11:45 a.m.
• Emily Massell, CARLETON COLLEGE ’15
  “The ‘Streak’ in your ‘Street Cred’: Lexical Activation in Surface and Underlying Phoneme Strings”

12:15–1:15 p.m., Olin 141 and adjacent lobby
Boxed Lunch

1:15–2:15 p.m., Olin 101 and 103
Poster Session

Olin 101
• Sahaam Abdi, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ’16
  “Focusing on the Somali Copula: What is Waa?”
• Pablo Eduardo Lopez Alonso, LUTHER COLLEGE ’17
  “How to Become a Better Language Learner: A Cognitive Neuroscience Perspective”
• Robindra Banerji, HAVERFORD COLLEGE ’15
  “Huichol (Wixárika) Word Stress”
• Nicholas Carlsen, CARLETON COLLEGE ’17
  “Harmonic Serialism and OT in the Great Vowel Shift”
• Joshua Elmore, CARLETON COLLEGE ’16
  “Spanish Clitic Climbing: A Syntactic Analysis”
• Andrea Grimaldi, MACALESTER COLLEGE ’16
  “Mapudungun: The Language of the Land”
Olin 103

- Alexander Jarnow, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA '16
  “The Syntactic Distribution and Semantic Functions of the Verbal Suffix -kan in Colloquial Malay”
- Robin Jungwirth and Nathaniel Woznicki, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, EAU CLAIRE ’16
  “Feigning Formality: A Corpus Linguistic Pilot Study of Novice Academic Writers”
- Zach Richmond, CARLETON COLLEGE ’15
  “Appealing to a Higher Projection: Determining the Possibility of a Unified Analysis of Algonquian Relative Clauses”
- Kevin Swanberg, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, DULUTH ’15
  “Google Translate: On the Horns of a Dilemma”
- Judith Wodzak, MACALESTER COLLEGE ’15

2:30–3:30 p.m., Olin 141
Individual Talks, Session 2
Session Chair: Ilana Mishkin
2:30 p.m.
- Bryn Hedlund, LUTHER COLLEGE ’16
  “Motivation of Second Language Learners of Spanish”
3:00 p.m.
- Leo Zoeckler, MACALESTER COLLEGE ’15
  “Imperfect Rhyme in American Rap Music”

3:45–4:30 p.m., Olin 141
Closing Address: “A Meskwaki Perspective on Language Revitalization”
Yolanda Pushetonequa, M.A. Candidate in Linguistics, University of Minnesota

4:30–4:45 p.m., Olin 141
Closing Remarks
Mike Flynn, Professor and Chair of Linguistics, John E. Sawyer Professor of Liberal Learning, Carleton College

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