

## **Faculty Panel and Roundtable Discussion:**

### **Where have we been and where are we going?**

October 11, 2014 10am-12pm.

Interdisciplinary Humanities Center

McCune Conference Room, HSSB

#### **1. Spotlights on the changing field 30 minutes; all faculty, then open it to alums**

In one to two minutes (strictly enforced), briefly characterize what you take to be the most important changes in your *subfield* in the last twenty-five years (or other time period relevant to you and your studies).

Mary, Eric, Wally, Pat, Bernard, Carol, Jack, Matt, Stefan, Marianne, Fermin, Bob

#### **2. Impacts of changes on a functional linguistic orientation 45 minutes**

- a. Over the past twenty-five years, have changes in linguistics and related fields shifted the orientation of functional linguistic studies and/or the position of functionally oriented work within the broader field? What does it mean to be a “functionalist” in 2014? Is this term still relevant?

Marianne, Bernard, Mary

- b. What has been the impact of technological change and the availability of both large data sets and computational tools on the nature of inquiry into the how language is shaped by its role as a medium of human communication? (4 faculty members)

Bob, Fermin

- c. Discussion

#### **3. Moving forward 45 minutes**

- a. What are the biggest questions and challenges facing the field of linguistics within the next five to ten years? What trends do we see becoming dominant? How do we see our department as being oriented with respect to these trends and challenges? (4 faculty members)

Eric, Stefan, Jack, Matt

- b. Discussion