

THE NINTH ANNUAL LANGUAGE TESTING RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM #
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Sunday, April 26 - Tuesday, April 28, 1987

P R O G R A M



Sunday, April 26

- 12:30 - 1:30 Registration
- 1:00 - 1:30 Welcome and Overview of the Program
Rebecca Oxford, Mary Mack, Neil Anderson
- 1:30 - 3:30 SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION
Pardee Lowe, Tom Parry, Rebecca Oxford, John
Thain, Pat Dandonoli
Key Testing Questions in Reading and Listening
- 3:30 - 3:45 Break
- 3:45 - 4:15 PAPER SESSION

Peter Hargreaves
A Comparison of Two Forms of Tutor Assessment
- 4:15 - 4:45 PAPER SESSION

Tom Parry
Language Aptitude Testing
- 4:45 - 5:15 PAPER SESSION

Andrew Cohen
Taking and Scoring Reading Tests of Summarizing
Ability

Monday, April 27

9:00 - 9:30

SYMPOSIUM: ADVANCES IN CLOZE TESTING (PART I)

*Pages 1/5
Sum Mem Sols:
Cloze-Elide Testing.*

Winton H. Manning
Development of Cloze-Elide Tests of English
as a Second Language

(PART II is on Tuesday.)

9:30 - 10:30

SYMPOSIUM: RELIABILITY, VALIDITY, AND OTHER
ASPECTS OF TEST QUALITY -- HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT
IS BOTH GOOD AND USEFUL?

Grant Henning and Young Gee
Specialization Bias

Eduardo Cascallar
Syntactic and Semantic Activation Measures in
Language Proficiency Testing

10:30 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

SYMPOSIUM: RELIABILITY, VALIDITY, AND OTHER
ASPECTS OF TEST QUALITY -- HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT
IS BOTH GOOD AND USEFUL? (Continued)

Allene Grognet and Rebecca Oxford
Validity and Reliability Issues in Developing
a Hands-On Test of Work-Oriented English
Language Skills for Refugees

David Nevo and Elana Shohamy
Beyond Reliability and Validity: Evaluating
a National Oral Proficiency Test

Brendan J. Carroll
The English-Speaking Union (ESU) Framework Project

12:15 - 1:30

Lunch

1:30 - 3:00

SYMPOSIUM: ANALYTICAL AND STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES
IN LANGUAGE TESTING

Fred Davidson
The Dimensionality of ESL Proficiency ~~Tests~~ *Self-Ratings.*

Russanne Hozayin
Investigating the Interdependence of Language
Ability Items: A Comparative Study of Three
Analytic Methods

Thom Hudson
Norm-Referenced, Criterion-Referenced, and Item
Response Theory

3:00 - 3:15

Break

Monday, April 27 (Continued)

3:15 - 5:15

SYMPOSIUM: ISSUES IN THE ASSESSMENT OF
READING COMPREHENSION

Charles Alderson, Grant Henning, Yasmeen Lukmeni
Levels of Understanding in Reading Comprehension
Tests

Pardee Lowe and Tom Parry
Is There a Reading Offset?

Elana Shohamy and Claire Gordon
What Are We Really Testing on Reading Comprehension
Tests?

Esin Kaya-Carton and Aaron S. Carton
Issues of Validity in Judging Passages for Testing
Reading Proficiency

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6:00

- 7:00

Catered Dinner at the Diplomat *Sherazade Rm.*

7:00 - 9:00

SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION

Lyle Bachman and John Clark (Chairs)
Charles Alderson, Pat Dandonoli, Thom Hudson,
Charles Stansfield, John Upshur (Respondents)
Forum on a Program of Research and Development
of Measures of Communicative Language Proficiency

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 - 9:00

Business Meeting

Topics: Dates, location, and coordinators of
1988 Language Testing Research Colloquium;
publication of 1987 Proceedings; improved
communications (mailing list, etc.).

9:00 - 10:00

SYMPOSIUM: ADVANCES IN CLOZE TESTING (PART II)

Charles B. Friedman
Multiple Choice Cloze: Application of Latent
Trait Theory

Marilyn Chasan and Aurora Marron
Content or Function Word Deletions as a
Factor in Cloze Test Difficulty

10:00 - 10:15

Break

10:15 - 11:15

SYMPOSIUM: COMPUTER-ADAPTIVE TESTING

John Clark and John Thain
Computer-Adaptive Testing at the Defense
Language Institute

Harold Madsen and Diane Strong-Krause
Development of a Multi-Modality ESL Computer-
Adaptive Test

Tuesday, April 28 (Continued)

11:15 - 12:30 Lunch

12:30 - 1:00 PAPER SESSION

Liz Hamp-Lyons
A General Performance Profile for Testing
Specific Academic Writing

1:00 - 1:30 PAPER SESSION

Lynn Sawyer-Thompson and Ray Graham
Testing of Language Skill Attrition

1:30 - 2:00 PAPER SESSION

Sylvia Rothfarb and Maria Ariza
Developing Multiple Criteria to Mainstream
English-as-a-Second-or-Other-Language (ESOL)
Students

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