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Dr. Fallon is an expert on phonology, morphology, historical linguistics, writing systems and Cushitic linguistics

Biography

Paul D. Fallon is fascinated by sound patterns and how they interact with other aspects of language, as well as how they change through time. His other areas of expertise include writing systems and dictionaries. In addition to teaching linguistics courses in the Department of English, Linguistics and Communications, Fallon has researched extensively on the mental representations of sound, the grammar of the Blin language of Eritrea and the historical-comparative reconstruction of the Cushitic languages. He's published more than a dozen peer-reviewed articles or book chapters on a variety of languages ? Greek, Georgian, Chechen, Blin and others ? for the proceedings of the World Congress of African Linguistics, the Annual Conference on African Linguistics and the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, as well as in the International Journal of the Humanities. An abridged version of his dissertation, ?The Synchronic and Diachronic Phonology of Ejectives,? was published by Routledge in 2002. One of Fallon's research projects involves linguistic fieldwork with speakers of the Blin language in Eritrea (Horn of Africa) and focuses on the interaction between the rhythm of the language and the word-building component of the grammar. Another involves the creation of a dictionary database of his field notes. Fallon was awarded a research grant in 2004 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support his work on Blin oral narratives and grammar. Fallon has been a peer reviewer for the National Science Foundation, acted as associate editor for The International Journal of the Humanities and is on the advisory board of the Linguist List, the world's largest online linguistic resource.

Areas of Expertise

Cushitic Linguistics, Historical Linguistics, Phonology, Morphology, Writing Systems

Education

The Ohio State University

Ph.D.

The Ohio State University

M.S.

Georgetown University

M.A. Linguistics

Georgetown University

B.A. Linguistics

Accomplishments

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Grant
2004

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