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FRIDAY, APRIL 3

9 Hefter Center, 3271 N. Lake Dr.

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30-9:00 Opening Remarks

Acquisition

9:00-9:30 Probability Matching and Arabic Morphology

Mary Ann Walter

Northwestern University

9:30-10:00 Early Development of VSO and SVO word orders in
Palestinian Arabic

Reem Khamis-Dakwar

Adelphi University

10:00-10:30 Agreement and Plural features in Heritage Arabic
Speakers

**Abbas Benmamoun, Abdulkafi Albirini, Eman Saadah,
& Silvina Montrul**

University of Urbana-Champaign

10:30-10:45 Break

Cognitive Linguistics

10:45-11:15 A cognitive explanation for communicators' avoidance
of ambiguous forms: The case of the Tunisian Arabic
demonstrative haða

Amel Khalfaoui

University of Minnesota

Sociolinguistics

11:15-11:45 Inter- and intra-language variation among Palestinians
in Israel

Uri Horesh

Franklin & Marshall College

11:45-12:15 The Grammatical Constraints of Integrated Hebrew
Lexemes

Martin Isleem

University of Texas at Austin

2:30-3:00 Speech Errors in Tunisian Arabic

Nadia Hamrouni

University of Arizona

3:00-3:30 Stress a perceptual unit in Cairene spoken Arabic

Rajaa Aqil

Georgia Institute of Technology

3:30-4:00 Sex differences in VOT production of A/E bilingual
Children

Eman Saadah

University of Illinois

4:00-4:15 Break

Phonology

4:15-4:45 A Unified Account of Intensive Verbs

Samira Farwaneh

University of Arizona

4:45-5:15 The Phonology of Classical Arabic Meter

Gregory Key

University of Arizona

5:15-5:30 Break

5:30-6:30 **Keynote Address**

What can different theories of language tell us about Arabic dialect
phonology? And what can Arabic phonology tell us about
theory?

Ellen Broselow

Stony Brook University–SUNY

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Discourse

9:30-10:00 Avoidance of Colloquial Arabic in Writing Formal Fusha

Alexander Magidow

University of Texas at Austin

10:00-10:30 Registers of Arabic, Prestige and Performance

Kristen Brustad

University of Texas at Austin

10:30-11:00 Break

Computational and Historical Linguistics

11:00-11:30 Improving the Automatic Diacritization of Arabic

Khaled Elghamry & Christian Hettick

University of Florida

11:30-12:00 The Morpheme /-in-/ in Central Asian Arabic

Kerith Miller

University of Arizona

Syntax

2:00-2:30 The Syntax of Negation in Kuwaiti Arabic and Moroccan Arabic

Abbas Benmamoun & Khawla Aljenai

University of Illinois & Kuwait University

2:30-3:00 Mood Feature as Case Licensor in Modern Standard Arabic

Tommi Leung

United Arab Emirates University

3:00-3:30 On the syntax of wh-questions in Egyptian Arabic

Usama Soltan

Middlebury College

3:30-3:45 Break

4:00-4:30 Revisiting the Theory of 9aamel

Mohammad Mohammad

University of Texas at Austin

4:30-5:00 Agreement Asymmetries and Word Order in Iraqi Arabic

Murtadha Bakir

University of Qatar

5:00-5:15 Break

5:15-6:15 **Keynote Address:**

Arabic pronoun varieties, agreement, and binding

Abdelkader Fassi Fehri

Mouhamed V University, Rabat

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Syntax

9:00-9:30 On the Extraction of Attributive Adjectives

Yaron McNabb and Christopher Kennedy

University of Chicago

9:30-10:00 The verb kan“be” in Moroccan Arabic

Nizha Chatar-Moumni

Universite Paris Descartes

10:00-10:15 Break

Variation

10:30-11:00 On the semantics of the causative

Mustafa Mughazy

Western Michigan University

11:00-11:30 Speaker variation in the speech of rural migrants to Hims

Rania Habib

Syracuse University

11:30-12:00 Palestinian and American Phone Conversation Openings:
Potential for Intercultural Miscommunication

Nagham Awadallah

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign