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College of Letters and Science, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
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FRIDAY, APRIL 3
9 Heffter 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