

Potential Paper Topics

Note: These are recommendations based on the sections of the book we won't be covering. You can either do a more comprehensive look at the topic or a case study in the topic (ex: the loss of Object-Verb order in Old English for historical change). If you would like to do a more in-depth look at a topic we have covered, that is also fine (ex: the phonetics and phonology of a particular language).

- 1) **Historical Linguistics** (chapter 7): nature of change, sound / morphological / syntactic/ lexical/ semantic change, how change spreads, language reconstruction
- 2) **Language Classification** (chapter 8): dialects, typological classification, genetic classification
- 3) **Indigenous Languages of North America** (chapter 9): origin & classification, phonetics & phonology/ morphology & syntax
- 4) **Second Language Acquisition** (chapter 11): interlanguage grammars, factors affecting second language acquisition, L2 classroom
- 5) **Brain and Language** (chapter 13): aphasia
- 6) **Language in Social Contexts** (chapter 14): sociolinguistics
- 7) **Writing and Language** (chapter 15): evolution of writing, non-European writing systems, English orthography
- 8) **Animal Communication** (chapter 16): signs, bee communication, bird communication, nonhuman primate communication
- 9) **Computational Linguistics** (chapter 17): computational phonetics & phonology, computational morphology, computational lexicology & semantics