## ATJ JSP SIG Newsletter: Issue no. 1, April 30, 2008

The ATJ JSP SIG Newsletter quarterly notifies events and opportunities of interest.  Notices appear under four headings:

1. **JSP SIG Announcements**
2. **Conferences and Workshops**
3. **Grants and Awards Opportunities**
4. **Other information**

If you have notices in these categories that you like posted here, please send them to Tomoko Takami (the JSP SIG coordinator) at  ttakami@sas.upenn.edu

The next newsletter is planned to be issued around September, 2008.  Information given by the end of August or early September will appear in the next issue.

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### (1) **JSP SIG Announcements**

The ATJ JSP SIG meeting took place during the ATJ Seminar on April 3$^{rd}$, 2008.  The minutes of the business meeting are posted in the JSP SIG webpage on the ATJ seminar.

By the end of June, the JSP SIG member directory will be distributed to the members by email.  This, I hope, will help fostering networking among members.  The directory will include members' names, email addresses, affiliation, and interested field(s).  If you have not given theseinformation to the SIG coordinator or have any questions, please contact Tomoko Takami (ttakami@sas.upenn.edu) by June 20$^{th}$.

By the end of August, a members-only Blog site will be set up.  This will also give members the opportunity to exchange ideas about teaching JSP throughout the year.

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### (2) **Conferences and Workshops**

*June23-28, 2008     CIBER Summer Institute for Teaching a Second Language for Business Communication, PennLauder CIBER, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA*
http://lauder.wharton.upenn.edu/ciber/summer_institute.asp

The Summer Institute for Teaching a Second Language for Business Communication is designed primarily for secondary and post-secondary language educators. This program includes an overview of basic business, combined with discussion of current issues in language-teaching methodology and curriculum design.

Participants work on group projects in which they design curriculum modules that apply the concepts addressed during the program. After the institute, participants receive a compilation of all the projects to enable them to adapt and use the modules in their own classroom situations.

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*July 7 - July 11, 2008       Teaching in a Digital Age, San Diego State University, San Diego, California*

http://larcnet.sdsu.edu/workshops.php?page=TDA

Internet interactive technology now affords learner control and enables communicative learning that has become the web replacement for static online language learning content. Today's students are tuned-in and turned-on by digital media and a host of mobile devices, permitting them to communicate with others and share their experiences online. This summer institute is designed for language teachers who want to develop interactive digital content and make it accessible to their learners online. Demos and hands-on development will include:

- Producing audio/video resources for the internet
- Archiving and accessing resources on the Internet
- Converting media for the Internet & mobile devices
- Creating language Blogs, Mashups and Podcasts
- Integrating content with Web interactivity
- Creating virtual relationships

(3) **Grants and Awards Opportunities**

*The CIBER Business Language Research and Teaching Grant Awards*

http://www.ciber.business.ku.edu/blrt_intro.php

The CIBER Business Language Research & Teaching (BLRT) Consortium provides incentives for language faculty to teach and do research in a business context.

The members of the BLRT Consortium have pledged a portion of their Title VI CIBER grant funding to establish the BLRT Research Awards, in order to encourage faculty and graduate students in foreign language departments to add a business-language dimension to their research and teaching. The program is organized by the University of Kansas Center for International Business Education and Research (KU CIBER)

2008 BLRT Research Grant Awards

The Consortium invites applications from faculty, graduate students, and language professionals for this year's BLRT Research Grants.

Grants to researchers in three categories:

$5,000 Grant to tenured faculty or tenure track

$2,500 Grant to a Ph.D. candidate

$2,500 Grant for research on business language pedagogy

All applicants should submit a research proposal with:

- project description
- timeline
- budget
- Curriculum Vita

*Graduate students may provide an abstract of their proposal, but must also provide a letter from department Chair or Language Coordinator indicating support for the research described.*

$2,500 grant recipients will receive free registration at next year's CIBER Business Language Conference.

$5,000 grant recipients will be invited to attend and present the results of the research.

BLRT Research Grant applications should be submitted to KU CIBER Associate Rebecca Murphy, ciber@ku.edu, Materials should be submitted by email, in Word, PDF, Excel, or similar readily accessible file type. Applicants will receive confirmation of receipt via email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Rebecca at 785.864.7879.

Deadline for Application: June 1st

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